

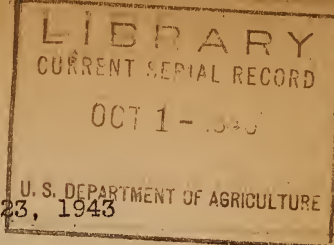
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DIRECTOR'S MEMORANDUM NO. 62

Possible Post-War Problems

While the problems arising out of the war take precedence for solution, there is a possible post-war problem of substantial magnitude to which I have given careful consideration. It is the problem of accumulated stocks on hand with Government agencies in event the close of the war was precipitate. We do not want to see repeated the situation of World War I when substantial stocks which had been accumulated were thrown on the market and for some years had an adverse effect upon production and marketing.

It would seem to me that through careful advance planning, with appropriate legislative authority, it would be desirable for surplus stocks of foods in the hands of any Government agency to be turned over to the FDA for distribution through school lunches and through other programs after it was certain that the needs for foreign relief and rehabilitation feeding, as well as the needs of military and other Government requirements had been met. School lunch and other out-of-normal channel distribution would make unnecessary the dumping on the open market of quantities of merchandise resulting in uncertainty and disorderly marketing.

I have already done some work in connection with this and have invited the National Cannery Association to appoint a committee to go over the matter fully, and such a committee has been appointed. The problem is likely to occur, however, in connection with other commodities and I am issuing this communication for your information and for the following purposes:

1. To invite each commodity branch chief to examine the situation with respect to the commodities assigned to him for purposes of anticipating the problems likely to arise; also to invite each commodity branch chief and the Chief of the Civilian Food Requirements Branch to designate a representative to serve as a member of a committee to give careful consideration to this subject. I will serve as chairman of this committee; and I am asking Fred Waugh, Chief of the Program Analysis and Appraisal Branch, to serve as vice-chairman; and Herman Southworth to serve as secretary.
2. To invite regional directors and other officials to submit their suggestions both with respect to policies and programs, and also their suggestions with respect to appropriate distribution methods.

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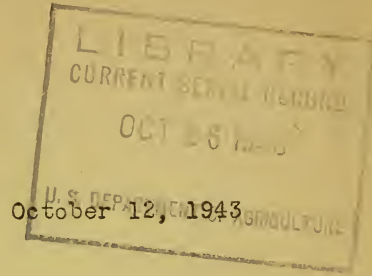
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Supplement 1

Post-War Problems in Food Marketing and Distribution

Mr. Fred V. Waugh is now representing the Food Distribution Administration as a member of the Inter-Bureau Post-War Planning Committee. He will also be National Activity Leader on post-war problems in the field of agricultural marketing and distribution. In this capacity he will be working with all the Branches and Regional offices of the FDA.

Although all of us are busy with current problems, I want all Branches and Regional offices to cooperate as fully as possible with Mr. Waugh in analyzing some of the basic longer-time problems and in bringing forward proposed programs for meeting them.

*Roy F. Hendrickson*

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